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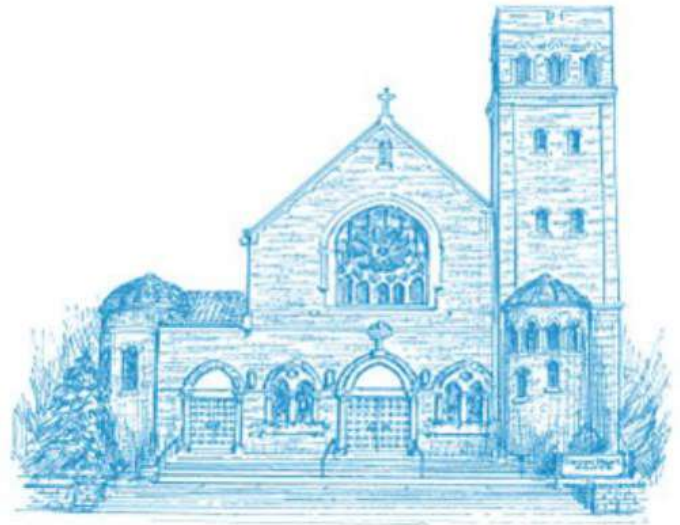
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The Lord's Day

Saturday Evening 5:00 PM

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Daily Mass 9:30 AM Monday-Saturday

Rosary 9 AM (Monday-Saturday)

Confessions

Saturdays - 4:00 to 4:45 PM, Any time upon request

Parish Registration

Please formalize your membership in our parish community by registering at the parish office. We sincerely welcome all new parishioners!

Handicapped Accessible

Office Hours - Sunday 10 AM - 3PM

Monday-Friday 9 AM - 5 PM

Saturday 10 AM - 5 PM

Church open daily until 5 PM (Sundays until 3 PM)

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SACRAMENTAL LIFE

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Anytime, please contact one of the priests at (718) 442-0058.

Baptism

Please contact the pastor for an appointment to arrange the Baptism.

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Couples should contact the rectory at least 6 months before the wedding to arrange the time, banns, and Pre-Cana Conference.

Sponsor Certificate

If you have been asked to be a godparent for a Baptism or Confirmation attend the 9 AM Mass on Sunday and see Sister Barbara immediately after in the church vestibule. Please see the parish website under the Worship/Sacraments link for godparent guidelines.

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APRIL 18, 2021

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, Almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**READING 1 ACTS 3: 13
-15, 17-19.**

Peter said to the people: "The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and denied in Pilate's presence when he had decided to release him. You denied the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. The author of life you put to death, but God raised him from the dead; of this we are witnesses. Now I know, brothers, that you acted out of ignorance, just as your leaders did; but God has thus brought to fulfillment what he had announced beforehand through the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer. Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away."

**Responsorial Psalm PS 4: 2, 4,
7-8, 9.**

R. Lord, let your face shine on us.
When I call, answer me, O my just God, you who relieve me when I am in distress; have pity on me, and hear my prayer!

R. Lord, let your face shine on us.
Know that the LORD does wonders for his faithful one; the LORD will hear me when I call upon him.

R. Lord, let your face shine on us.
O LORD, let the light of your countenance shine upon us! You put gladness into my heart.

R. Lord, let your face shine on us.
As soon as I lie down, I fall peacefully asleep, for you alone, O LORD, bring security to my dwelling.

R. Lord, let your face shine on us.

**READING 2 1 JN
2:1-5A.**

My children, I am writing this to you so that you may not commit sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous one. He is expiation for our sins, and not for our sins only but for those of the whole world. The way we may be sure that we know him is to keep his commandments. Those who say, "I know him," but do not keep his commandments are liars, and the truth is not in them. But whoever keeps his word, the love of God is truly perfected in him.

ALLELUIA LK 24:32

R. Alleluia, alleluia.
Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us; make our hearts burn while you speak to us.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The two disciples recounted what had taken place on the way, and how Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of bread.

While they were still speaking about this, he stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." But they were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. Then he said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have." And as he said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While they were still incredulous for joy and were amazed, he asked them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of baked fish; he took it and ate it in front of them.

He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."



Profession of Faith

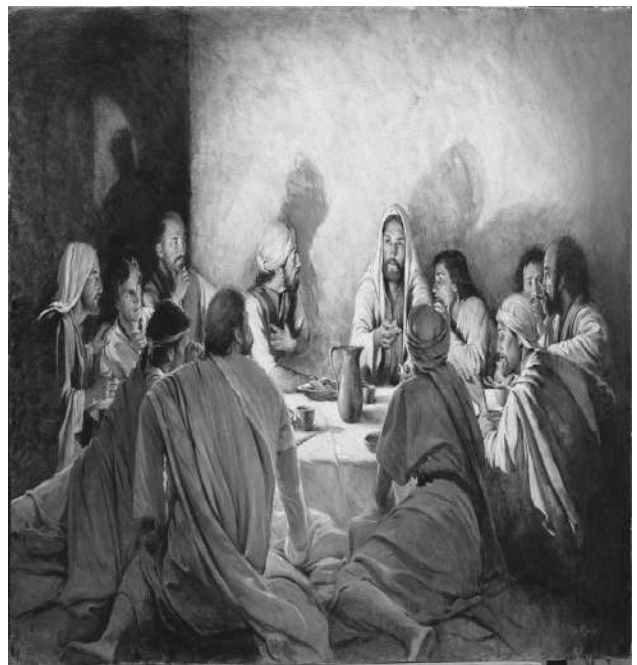
I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through Him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation He came down from Heaven (BOW) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate, He suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into Heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and His kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.



A Note from The Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

The readings today focus on the concept of repentance. The Lord Jesus Christ, blessed be His Name, summarized the mission statement of His Holy Catholic Church shortly after His Resurrection from the dead. He said: *Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.* (St. Luke 24:46-48).

In the history of the Church, we've seen great sinners miraculously transformed into great saints. That is the power of God's Grace! St. Longinus was the first century Roman centurion who was assigned to guard the city of Jerusalem during the Passover celebration that marked the end of our Redeemer's life. It fell to him to carry out the execution of our Lord on the Cross. He stabbed Jesus' body with his spear to confirm that Christ was truly dead. Having witnessed the way in which Jesus had died, he cried out: *Truly this man was the Son of God!* (St. Mark 15:39). It is said that Longinus was converted at that very moment. After being baptized, he became a very effective evangelist, spreading faith in the One whom he had helped to murder.

St. Mary of Egypt (344-421) was a nymphomaniac. She once made a trip to the Holy Land for the sake of seducing the pilgrims on the way. During the trip Mary was suddenly struck with the conviction of just how very wicked she was. She repented and retired to the desert as a hermit. She is especially popular among Eastern-Rite Catholics.

Also popular in the Church of the East is St. Olga of Kiev (d. 969). She was a mass murderer. Queen of the Kievan Rus', she defended her crown by murdering her enemies. Once, she attacked a city and burned it to the ground, even after the inhabitants had surrendered. Eventually she was baptized and the effects of the Sacrament were astonishing. She spent the rest of her life trying to atone for the damage she had done to others. She invited Catholic missionaries to her country, but their work bore little fruit. After Olga's death, however, her intercession brought about the miraculous healing of her grandson, St. Vladimir the Great, who brought the Russian people to Christ.

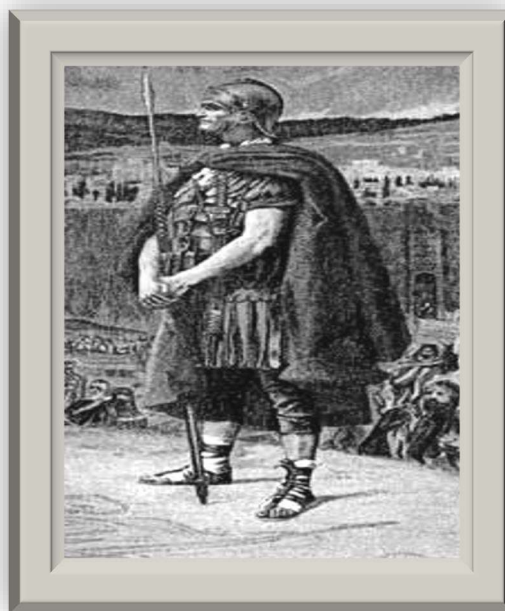
St. Bruno Sserunkuuma of Uganda was an arrogant, violent, lustful man with a drinking problem. He took two wives and soon one of the women was pregnant. Mercifully, Sserunkuuma's friends St. Charles Lwanga and St. Andrew Kaggwa

demonstrated the power of fraternal correction. They confronted him and, as a result, Sserunkuuma separated from both women. He repented and lived in solitude and prayer. When the persecution of Christians began, he confessed that he was a Christian and was burned to death in 1886. Before perishing Bruno spoke to three other Christians who had been pardoned by the king (kabaka) and said, "Children, I am very sorry for you. I am very much afraid that the kabaka and his creatures will try again to make you renounce Jesus. It would have been better for us all to die, and so reach Heaven together."

Blessed Bartolo Longo (1841-1926) was a high priest of Satan before his conversion. Though raised praying the Rosary, Bartolo went to college where he was exposed to anticlericalism, atheism, and the occult. Before long he was "ordained" a priest of the Prince of Darkness. Bartolo finally renounced Satanism and returned to God. It took some time for him to believe and accept that God had truly forgiven him. For more than 50 years after that, Bartolo preached the Rosary, founded schools for the poor, and established orphanages for the children of criminals. His influence is found especially at the Basilica of Our Lady of Pompeii in Pompeii, Italy, which he himself commissioned. (For further reading see Meg Hunter-Kilmer, "Saints Who Were Great Sinners." <https://aleteia.org>, 10 April 2021).

God bless you!

Father Eric



**CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

APRIL 18, 2021



Saturday, April 24:

5:00 PM Bill Jones

Sunday, April 25:

7:00 AM Joan Prenty
9:00 AM Sister Jessica
11:00 AM Ken Wisniewski
1:00 PM Donald Maj

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 24:

5:00 PM Sean Ahern

Sunday, April 25:

7:00 Jason Suazo
9:00 Anthony Basile
11:00 Abigail Cruz
1:00 Tara Murphy

Collections:

Easter 2021.....\$1,529.00
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ATTENDANCE APRIL 11TH: 507

CAPACITY FOR MASS : 210

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Saturday, April 17:

5:00 Coleen McGlynn Lee

Sunday, April 18:

7:00 Ben Zarrelli
9:00 Al & Sue Amore & Susan Pellecchia
11:00 Brendan Hoey
1:00 Bridget Jordan

Monday, April 19:

9:30 Pvt. Joseph Merrill

Tuesday, April 20:

9:30 John & Patricia Molloy

Wednesday, April 21:

9:30 Grace Stanger

Thursday, April 22:

9:30 People of the Parish

Friday, April 23:

7:30 Jack Graham & Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, April 24:

9:30 Laura Elizabeth O'Hanlon
5:00 Richard P. Morrison

Sunday, April 25:

7:00 People of the Parish
9:00 Carolyn Ettinger
11:00 Frank & Marie Barnard
1:00 Bridget Jordan (15th Anniversary)

Sacred Heart Track & Field: Any child in the parish who is in kindergarten—8th grade and is interested in joining Sacred Heart's Track & Field Team should contact Tom Smith at smith11357@aol.com. Practices are on Mondays at Royal Oak at 4:30 PM and meets begin on Saturday, April 24th.

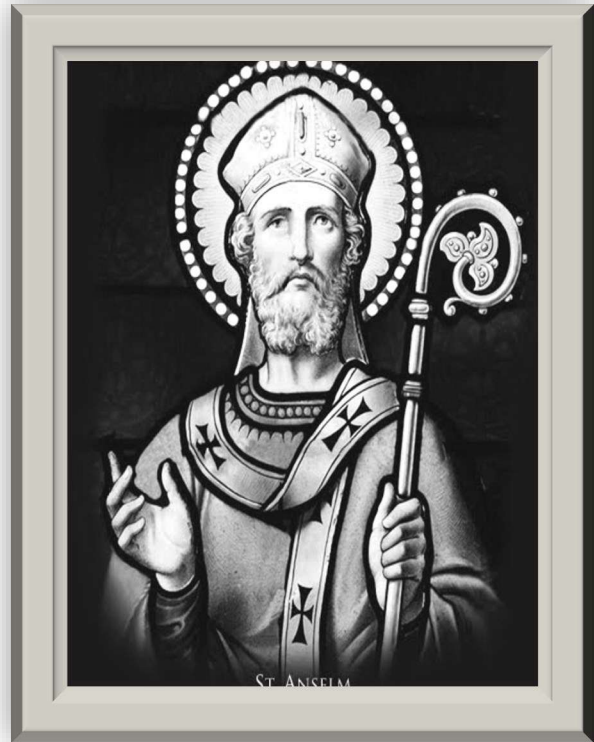
S.I. Right to Life: Marietta Canning and members of The Staten Island Right to Life will be in the vestibule and outside of the Church after all the masses this weekend. They will be asking for people to sign up for a Life Chain which will take place outside of Sacred Heart on Sunday, April 24th, after the 1 PM Mass. For one hour parishioners can hold anti-abortion signs and pray the Rosary together along Castleton Avenue. Please join them as they seek to save the lives of unborn babies on Staten Island.

Sacrament of Confirmation: We would like to congratulate the following children in our 8th grade and CCD program who were confirmed by Bishop Whalen this past Friday evening: **Sean Patrick Ahern, Emma Teresa Batiz, Ava Theresa Burt, Arianna Gemma Cavallone, Leila Philip Crisano, Abigail Rose Cruz, Thomas Francis Esposito, Allison Guadalupe Garcia, Brenda Catherine Garpestad, Abigail Cecilia Meurer, John Lawrence Mullen, Michael Longinus Perkert, Aidan David Schmitt, Erik Francis Shashaty, Noah Francis Teixeira, Javon Paul Wood, Sofia Cecelia Zall, Taryn Joan Benevento, Dylan Lawrence Bligh, Mia Elizabeth Cacace, Olivia Lucy Chodnicka, Madison Margaret Davis, Taylor Mary Ferrara, Brianna Cecilia Frammosa, Ava Anne Fusco, Scott Peter Hill, Trevor Patrick Lichtensteiger, Kaitlyn Christina Marchese, Abigail Colette Marcinak, Christopher John Paul Maturana, Jake Patrick McVey, Olivia Inez Padro, Emily Grace Reilly, Maya Philomena Scheffler, Raya Gemma Scheffler, Patricia Teresa Schron, Christian Michael Snyder, Alyssa Elizabeth Triscuizzi, Ryan Sebastian Villamagna and Owen Roman Vogt.** May God bless all of them and their families and may the Holy Spirit enlighten them with the grace of Jesus Christ.

SAINT ANSELM

APRIL 21, 2021

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